

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the specification as follows:

Following the title on page 1, please insert the following new text:

This patent application claims the benefit of priority, under 35 U.S.C. §120, as a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/996,314, filed November 28, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/242,227, filed February 11, 1999, which is a U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP98/02556, filed June 10, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,437,502, issued August 20, 2002, hereby incorporated herein by reference, in its entirety.